Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Lieutenant Colonel James A. Peterson's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize these patriotic individuals who leave the comforts of their home and family to nobly serve a cause greater than themselves; and,

Whereas, Lieutenant Colonel Peterson has devoted over 38 years of his life making sacrifices that demonstrated no mission was too hard, no challenge was too great, and through tests and trials he emerged stronger than before; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership as branch chief/environmental officer and training site commander have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country. It is a privilege to honor his success, his sacrifice, and his service; and,

Whereas, Lieutenant Colonel Peterson continues to give of himself, and our future is brighter thanks to his dedication; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Lieutenant Colonel James A. Peterson for over 38 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 18, 2015, as

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES A. PETERSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State